environment of the sub-continent with nuclearisation of Pak and its quest for massive arms build-up, Government propose to reconsider its nuclear option; and

(c) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Security situation of India is constantly under review, particularly in the light of the developments in her neighbourhood. The Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Proposal to place Calcutta under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.

257. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to place Calcutta under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The case is under consideration.

Subversibe and anti-India activities by Pakistan

258. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has stepped up its subversive and anti-India activities in Kashmir and Punjab recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The role of Pakistan in training and arming terrorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, providing them with sanctuary, and assistance for infiltrating into India has continued.

(c) Large number of raids have been carried out by security forces leading to arrest of around 100 subversive elements. Some arms have also been seized. Vigil on the border has been strengthened.

In respect of Punjab, the steps include anti-infiltration measures such as, erection of barbed wire fencing and flood lighting along the more sensitive stretches of the border, increase patrolling in the border areas, provision of sophisticated equipment to the B.S.F. for deduction of intruders, action against smugglers and border crossers etc. The matter has also been taken up by the Government of India with Pakistan Government authorities at different levels, including three rounds of talk at the Home Secretary level.

Dr. Nelson Mandela's visit to India

259. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended their invitation to Dr. Nelson Mandela to visit India;

(b) if so, when he is likely to visit the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that the visit takes place early?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.